



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 266-2007

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: November 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Children's Trust Grant Award For Miami Beach Service Partnership

This Letter to Commission is to inform the Mayor and Commission of a grant that was recently awarded to the City by the Children's Trust for the Miami Beach Service Partnership program. The grant will provide funding to reduce truancy among youth attending Miami Beach Senior High School and residing in the 33141 zip code. Miami Beach Senior High School currently has the second highest percentage of students in the region missing 20 days or more of school.

The Miami Beach Service Partnership program, which is spearheaded by the Neighborhood Services Department, is an integrated collaboration of the following 10 community agencies:

1. Aspira of Florida, Inc.
2. Ayuda, Inc.
3. Choices et al, Inc.
4. Jewish Community Services
5. Junior Achievement
6. Miami Beach Community Health Center
7. Miami-Dade County Public Schools/Miami Beach Senior High
8. National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship
9. Teen Job Corps
10. Unidad/Miami Beach Hispanic Community Center

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The City of Miami Beach will serve as the Lead Agency/Fiscal Agency. The services provided will include: Intake and Assessment; Family Team Conferencing; Home visits and Family case management; 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens; 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families; MB Helpers Training; Supervised community service; Health screenings; FCAT tutoring; and Entrepreneurship training.

Two separate contracts were approved: 1) A six month contract commencing December 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008 to coincide with the end of the current school year, for an amount not to exceed \$142,713; and, 2) A twelve month contract commencing June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 for an amount not to exceed \$661,138 with one subsequent renewal for twelve months for an annual amount of \$661,138, based on performance. The second contract from June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009 is subject to reauthorization of the Children's Trust initiative by the voters in 2008.

The Children's Trust was created and funded by Miami-Dade voters, through a referendum in September 2002 which approved an Independent Special District, a dedicated funding source for children entitled "The Children's Trust". A "sunset provision" requires that the initiative be reauthorized by voters in August 2008. If the voters reauthorize the initiative, then "The Children's Trust" will be created permanently and funding will be guaranteed for the duration of all contracts. Please contact me if you need any additional information.

C: Management Team

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